

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 13, starting at line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Alternatively where the unpierced port of the heat transfer plate (515) needs supporting but the plate ([[504]] 506) of the connecting grid is manufactured with an aperture, an arrangement as shown in Figure 5 can be used. In this arrangement a blanking disc (517) is placed in the aperture of the plate ([[504]] 506) between the unpierced port of the heat transfer plate (515) and the flanged surface (501) of the boss (500) for supporting the unpierced port of the heat transfer plate (515). The blanking disc (517) is manufactured with an annular groove (519) to accommodate the annular seal (507) on the flange (502).